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In re the Application of:

MASAHIDE MAEDA

Serial No.: 09/853,784

Filed: May 14, 2001

For: SURFACE MOUNTING  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Art Unit: 2826

Examiner: Erdem, Fazli

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN CONNECTION  
WITH RCE APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2002. This Preliminary Amendment and a One Month Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously with the RCE Application. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2002, and prior to consideration of the above-identified RCE application, please amend the application as follows: